

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract section with the following amended section:

--Disclosed is a ~~A~~ method of editing a video sequence (100) comprising a series of clips (01, 03 ...), in which each clip is formed by video content captured between two points in time, has a determinable duration, Characteristic metadata (104) Duration data associated with the duration of each clip is extracted (102) from the sequence, the characteristic data including at least time data related to the corresponding clip duration. The characteristic duration data is processed (118) according to at least one predetermined template (124) of editing rules to form editing instruction data (126), the template indicating a plurality of predetermined edited segment durations, and the editing instruction data being configured to form output edited segments from the clips editing rules comprising at least a predetermined cutting format configured to form edited segments based on a plurality of predetermined segment durations. The clip video sequence (106) is then processed (edited) (130) according to the editing instruction data to form an output edited sequence (134) of output edited segments (001, 002,...). Each of the output edited segments has a duration corresponding to one of the predetermined edited segment durations with at least a portion of the clip being discarded by the processing of the clip. Also disclosed is the creation and placement of insert titles by examining at least the time data (104) for each clip to identify those of clips that are associative by a predetermined time function, the associative clips being arranged into corresponding groups of clips (Fig. 8). At least one of a beginning and a conclusion of each group is identified as a title location and at least one title location, at least one of the corresponding time data and further data are examined (206) to generate an insert title including at least a text

component whereupon the insert title can be inserted into either the original video sequence or the edited sequence at the title location. Also disclosed is a method of extracting a first number of individual images from the video sequence comprising a second number of individual clips. The sequence (100) is divided (256) into segments corresponding to the first number, there being a substantially equal number of the segments divided from each clip. For each segment, a plurality of video frames are identified (258) within a predetermined portion of the segment and the frames processed (260) to select a single representative frame. The representative frames are associated to form the extracted images (Fig. 7).--